

This is the discriminating opinion of men fond of truth, who desire to attain true and sound knowledge; **but they** who say that they have gotten anything by means of God, conceive that the cause is the instrument, the Creator namely, and the instrument the cause, namely, the human mind.

For [Joseph] should have said, that owing to him [God], as the cause indeed, would be the unfolding and accurate understanding of those things which were obscure; for we are the instruments by whom the particular energies are developed, both in our states of tension and of relaxation; but the Creator is 'he who gives the blow by which sets in motion the faculties of body and soul, by whom all things are moved.

Psalm 119:97-104: The Grandeur and the Necessity of Divine Teaching
Psalm 121: The Lord My Guardian

Genesis 31:43-32:2: Jacob's Departure from Laban's Family

When that

- Position, rank, status,
- City, state of area of specific purpose which they did pursue

Reaches the point of embracing those that were previously Marching On,

That position, rank, status,
That city, state, or other area of specific purpose
Also experiences the enjoyment of receiving
Those that were previously Marching On.

Consequently, in the Procedure of Heaven,
The Sign of (Relaxing) Enjoying follows after the Sign of Lowing (Wind and Trees).

58	<u>I AM:</u> Enjoying a new place	<u>I AM NOT:</u> Binding others and growing my own

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Have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels.
And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but (the Lord's servant) must be kindly to everyone, (be) an apt teacher, (be) patient, (the Lord's servant will be) correcting opponents with gentleness.

God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth,
and (God may perhaps grant) that (those opponents) may escape the snare of the devil,
(those opponents) having been held captive (captured and kept alive) by (the devil) to do (the devil's) will."

Do not these then ever, O my mind, report to yourself any object of outward sense that has been seen by you, if you are likely to be led away captive by it, and do not dwell on it in order that you may not become miserable by being subdued by it, but **rather**, while you are still free, **rise up and flee, preferring untamed liberty to slavery and subjection to a master.**

VII. (21) And what that prudence was he will proceed to tell us, for he adds, “And **you have led away my daughters as captives**; and if you had told me, I would myself have sent you away.”{13}{Genesis 31:27.}

"Laban said to Jacob, 'What have you done? You have deceived me, and carried away my daughters like captives of the sword.'" Genesis 31.26

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(22) for **it is not you then only from whom we are fleeing**, **O Laban**, **thou companion of bodies and colours**, but we are also escaping from everything that is thine, in which **the voices of the outward senses** sound in harmony **with the energies of the passions**. **For we**, if at least we **are practisers of virtue**, have **meditated** a very necessary meditation, which Jacob also meditated, namely, **to overthrow and destroy those gods who are hostile to the soul, gods made by hands**, gods whom Moses forbade the people to make; [14] (Leviticus 19:4.) and **these gods are the destruction of virtue and of a good state** of the passions, but the **consolidation** and confirmation **of vice and the appetites**; for that metal which is cast, after it has been fused, is soon consolidated again.